

## **Book Club Questions *Operation Blackbird***

1. What was your favorite part of the book? What was your least favorite?
2. What kind of emotions did the story evoke as you read?
3. Oleg took a risk to escape the Soviet Union with his family. How do you think you would handle an escape with children in tow? Are you good at mastering your fears and emotions?
4. Who is your favorite character? Who is your least favorite character? Why?
5. Were there scenes or passages that you found insightful or profound? Was there a snippet of dialog that you found captures a particular character's essence?
6. Throughout the book we see flashbacks to Miriam's life before the war. What do you think of that life? What about her relationship with her mother vs. her grandmother. Why do you think her mother behaved the way she did when the children were young?
7. How difficult would it be for you to be married to someone who worked for the government and kept secrets from you because of national security purposes?
8. Do you think you could live the life of a spy, constantly keeping secrets from friends and neighbors and those you love? Does deception come easily to you?